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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. Allen Dulles Deputy Director

Central Intelligence Agency

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on March 18. Dr. Allen sent to you a paper prepared by one of our consultants, entitled "Suggestion for Improving Facilities for Ideological Warfare."

paper concerned the urgent need for the book distribution project developed by the Department of State, for which it is asking \$5,000,000 from the Congress for FX 1953.

In Dr. Allen's absence, I thought it best to inform you of the latest developments in this project. Of the total operating budget of \$133,000,000 requested for the International Information Administration, the House Committee recommended \$111,000,000, of which \$4,000,000 was specifically assigned to the book project. The House, however, voted a total of \$66,575,000 with no specific allotment to the project. The latter figure is approximately equal to the current operating budget and, in view of IIA's increased responsibilities in Japan, would in all probability rule out the book project for next year. Nevertheless, IIA is currently considering a modest start on the project with funds taken from FI 1952 appropriations.

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I would very much appreciate your views on the foregoing courses of action, since there is considerable agreement here as to the validity of ______ paper and the need for some such project as proposed by the Department of State. Purhaps we could get together some day next week to discuss the matter.

G. Trucy Barnes Acting Director

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